

Tierra del Fuego Aventura

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Tierra del Fuego – Adventure at the End of the World

Adventure is not about living at the edge, but about enjoying the most of each experience!

Adventure abounds in Tierra del Fuego with hiking, paddling, boat trips, overlanding and more just outside of Ushuaia. With a range of outdoor activities that includes epic mountain scenery, diverse wildlife, an easily accessible national park and fascinating history, there is nowhere else on earth quite like it!

Tierra del Fuego, the "land of fire," was named by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan in 1520, because of the number of fires he witnessed the local inhabitants burning along the coast to keep warm. Argentina and Chile each own a portion of this rocky, glacier carved, mountainous archipelago. The area, located at the extreme southern tip of South America, has long intrigued world travelers and lures thousands of tourists every year due its remote location, unique climate and wildlife, and its proximity to Antarctica. Ushuaia, Argentina is the primary jumping off point for travelers cruising to Antarctica but those choose to spend time exploring Tierra del Fuego quickly learn there is much to experience without leaving the island.

Trip Highlights:

- Hiking and birding in Tierra del Fuego National Park
- Exploring the rugged landscape overland by ATV and 4x4
- Paddle Escondido Lake by canoe
- Helicopter scenic flight over the Andes
- Rock Climbing (no experience required)

<u>Tierra del Fuego Aventura</u> is an agency owned by locals and, in that spirit, it is very important for us to show you around so you can learn to love and treasure this place as much as we do. We strongly believe that you get to know the place through the eyes of the one showing it to you; it is why we choose our guides wisely.

Group Size: 4-12 (limit - 6 hosted delegates)

Trip Rating: Easy Active (2) (i.e., Beginner level; ~2-4 hours physical activity/day)

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Itinerary

October 11 - Day 1: Arrive in Ushuaia

Our trip begins today in Ushuaia, Tierra Del Fuego, Argentina. You are met upon arrival at Malvinas Argentinas Ushuaia International Airport (USH) and transferred to our hotel in Ushuaia. We take a walking city tour of downtown to show you Ushuaia's main sites. There is free time this afternoon to rest from the voyage, enjoy the spa and get ready for the adventure. We meet this evening and enjoy a welcome dinner together at a local restaurant. *Dinner included*.

See recommended flights below.

October 12 - Day 2: Tierra del Fuego Nacional Park with hiking and bird watching; Pioneer Night – ATV tour We start the day early (7:30am) to take advantage of an ideal time to bird watch. Following National Route 3 southwest, we enter the Tierra del Fuego National Park area at Lapataia Bay. The secluded tranquility of this spot feels hours away from civilization. In the fresh early morning air, we walk between lakes, lagoons with a view of the surrounding mountains. With the help of our expert guide, we have the chance to spot a plethora of birds such as geese, Steamer ducks, Austral Pygmy-owl, Magellanic woodpeckers, Thorn tailed-rayadito, Caracaras, Austral parakeet, and Spectacled duck, among others. Hiking: up to 8km, most flat.

We have lunch inside the Park at Alakush restaurant with big windows out to the breathtaking landscapes. (Weather permitting, we may have lunch in a reserved area of the Park so we can be in nature). After lunch, there is time to relax back at the hotel or wonder around town. The day is not yet finished!

Around 6:00pm, we head to the Ushuaia Blanca activity resort. Upon arrival, our guide presents a safety briefing for riding ATVs. We begin our adventure driving through the valley, crossing rivers and streams, going over bridges, and through native forest for about an hour. We stop en route for a short hike that leads us to a beaver dam where we witness their evening routine. Next, we ride to the Ernesto Krund's replica hut (an important man in the history of Ushuaia, the first postman in the city). Here, we enjoy a hot glass of wine while dinner is served. Enjoy desert and a special coffee while listening to stories of this intrepid man.





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October 13 - Day 3: Off-road adventure to Escondido and Fagnano Lakes

Wild landscapes, adrenaline and a cocktail of emotions are the recipe for this day! After breakfast, we head northeast from Ushuaia on National Road N°3. Our first stop is at a panoramic viewpoint overlooking Carbajal Valley with its mottled red and green moss covered bottom. Carved by a glacier roughly 20,000 years ago, the mountains of Alvear mountain range and the Vinciguerra range rise steeply on either side of the valley. We continue the drive arriving at Ushuaia Blanca located in the touristic resort Villa Las Cotorras for a quick stop.

Back on the road, the dramatic views of the Andes Mountains capture our imagination. At the legendary "Paso Garibaldi," we have a picture-perfect postcard view of Escondido and Fagnano Lakes. We start descending off-road, beginning our 4x4 journey, to the head of the Escondido Lake. Here we enter the Fuegian forest through paths that were used by the first lumberjacks looking to exploit these lands. Weather permitting, we may take the opportunity to paddle kayaks on the lake and do a short hike. Overland we travel to Fagnano Lake where we drink Argentinian "Mate" and share some snacks while enjoying views of the lake and the Magallanes fault line. En route back to Ushuaia, we stop at Ushuaia Blanca for a walk through the valley to a hut where lunch, "asado" (grilled steak and grilled vegetable) is waiting for us. After lunch, we head back to Ushuaia.

We gather again this evening for a lovely dinner in a special sea food restaurant. (Note: vegetarian, vegan and gluten free "asado" options available for lunch with advance notice)





October 14 - Day 4: Helicopter scenic flight combined with trekking and rock climbing

Today we experience an exhilarating scenic helicopter flight! After breakfast, we depart for the heliport and, prior to boarding, we listen to a safety lecture. As we take off, the spectacular scenery unfolds below us as we head east, over the port and the city, towards Ushuaia's central valley. Soon, we can spot Ushuaia's emblematic Mount Olivia. We fly through the Carbajal Valley with its colorful peat bottom to the turquoise Esmeralda Lagoon. We cross the Andes along the Encajonado river. We land on the summit of the Tata Fique hill with a panoramic view of the Beagle Channel and the Martial mountain range.

A local mountain guide meets us and we hike for about 30 minutes to a nearby rock climbing area with a variety routes to satisfy all ability levels from novice to advanced. No prior experience is necessary, only an adventurous spirit and willingness to try it. After rock climbing, we transfer back to the hotel to freshen up for our final dinner in Ushuaia.



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October 15 - Day 5: Depart Ushuaia and fly to Salta, Argentina Our adventure at the end of the world ends after breakfast with a transfer to the airport for your flight to Salta, Argentina, the location of the Adventure Travel World Summit. (B)

Getting to and from Ushuaia

Important Note: Please take note of which airport in Buenos Aires you are arriving and departing when you book your airline tickets. International flights from North America and Europe land in Buenos Aires at EZE (Ministro Pistarini International Airport; Ezeiza International Airport). Your flight to Ushuaia, however, may (but not always) depart from AEP (Jorge Newbery Airfield), Buenos Aires. The distance between the two airports is ~44km and an hour without traffic.

However, traffic can be very heavy in Buenos Aires and we recommend you allow several hours between flights to clear immigration, customs, obtain luggage, and transfer to be sure you can make your connection. You may have to overnight in Buenos Aires.

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Wednesday, October 11:

Recommended flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia (USH) on Aerolineas Argentina:

AR 1878 AEP (04:35 AM) to (USH 08:10 AM)	AR 1896 EZE (07:25 AM) to USH (12:10 PM)		
Duration: 3hr 35min, nonstop	1 stop: Total duration 4h 45m		
There other options you may choose. The above flights are recommended due to their earlier arrival times and shorter			
duration.			

Sunday, October 15:

Recommended flights from Ushuaia (USH) to Salta (SLA) on Aerolineas Argentina:

USH (09:00 AM) to SLA (04:40 PM)	AR 1819 USH (12:30 PM) to SLA (6:45 PM)	
1 stop: Total duration 7h 40m	Duration 6h 15m (1 stop, COR)	
AR 1879 USH to AEP		
Duration 3h 25m		
AR 1456 AEP to SLA		
Duration 2h 15m		
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Trip price: U\$D 1000 per person

Price Includes ☑

- ☑ Transfers IN/OUT from the airport.
- ☑ All transportation to the excursions.
- ☑ All meals starting with dinner of Day 1 though breakfast on Day 5)
 - All included meal can be adapted for vegetarians, gluten free, vegans and allergies with advance notice.
 - Dinners include main dish and desert plus one nonalcoholic beverage.
- ☑ All entrance Fee to National Park.
- ✓ 4 nights' accommodation in 5 star hotels for the duration of the program (single occupancy).
- ☑ Expert English speaking local guides for each activity.
- ✓ Trip Leader through the entire program to take care of the group.
- ☑ Each activity includes snacks, lunch or picnic in the case of rock climbing.
- ✓ Insurances for each activity
- ✓ All climbing gear

NOT included:

- Personal expenses such as laundry, gift shop, alcoholic beverages.
- Lunch on day 1 is not included
- Personal medical/travel/evacuation insurance
- Gratuities



Weather

The weather in Tierra del Fuego is highly variable. It is possible to experience four seasons in one day. Days can range from sunny and 50°F (10°C) in October to rain, hail, and occasionally snow. Low temperatures drop to the mid-30s (2°C). Please come prepared for all possibilities and equipped with good quality rain and wind gear.

Packing list on next page.



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Packing List:

The key to staying comfortable while on an active trip in variable weather is layering. To obtain maximum comfort with minimum weight, you need versatile layers that mix and match to create the right amount of insulation, ventilation and weather protection.

Lug	Luggage:		Assorted Personal Items:	
	Medium to large duffle or rolling soft-sided		Water bottles (2 1-Liter or 2L hydration	
	luggage		bladder)	
	Packing cubes/stuff sacks		Sunscreen (40 SPF) and Lip balm with SPF	
	15-25 L day pack		Sunglasses with UV filter	
	Waterproof pack cover or garbage bag to line		Personal hygiene items (toothpaste,	
	pack		toothbrush, etc)	
			Toilet Kit: Toilet paper, Ziplock bags (at least	
Clo	thing:		one for clean TP, one for dirty TP), wet wipes,	
	Casual clothing/shoes for travel and city wear		hand sanitizer (You must pack out all toilet	
	(lightweight, easily washable)		paper out of the wilderness.)	
	Waterproof jacket, lightweight		Personal first aid kit, medications, blister kit	
	Waterproof pants, lightweight		Bandana	
	Fleece/softshell jacket (windproof preferred)		Camera/memory cards/battery/charger	
	Down (or synthetic) insulated jacket		Optional:	
	T-shirts, synthetic or wool		 Earplugs and eye shade 	
	Long sleeve shirt, synthetic or wool		 Binoculars 	
	Hiking pants (no jeans for hiking)		 Trekking poles (collapsible) 	
	Underwear/sports bra (quick drying)			
	Sun hat			
	Wool or fleece hat			
	Neck warmer or buff			
	Gloves/mittens			
	Swimwear			
Footwear:				
	Comfortable walking shoes for around town			
	Waterproof hiking shoes with good tread			
	Hiking socks, synthetic or wool			